Raids to detect tax evasion and unaccounted wealth

206. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids so far conducted during 1985-86 at the premises of various companies, individuals and officers of different departments to unearth tax evasion and accumulation of unaccounted wealth by corrupt practices and what is the amount recovered by such raids;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government against such companies/individuals; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to check accumulation of wealth through corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) During the financial year 1985-86 (1-4-1985 to 31-1-1986), Income-tax Department has conducted 5628 searches and seized, *prima facie* unaccounted assets worth Rs. 38.85 crores approximately.

All necessary steps including legislative, administrative and institutional are being taken from time to time against tax evaders.

Information in respect of searches conducted by C.B.I. is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

207. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes proposed to be implemented by the India Tourism Development Corporation in Orissa during 1986-87;

(b) how many foreign tourists have visited Orissa through India Tourism Development Corporation during 1985-86;

(c) whether the media are utilised for publicity to attract foreign tourists for visiting tourist spots in Orissa; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the facilities such as boarding, lodging and transportation available in Orissa particularly in Puri and Konark to attract foreign tourists;

(e) whether there is any proposal under Central Government's consideration to develop the sea beach from Puri to Konark, which is one of the finest in the world, during the Seventh Plan period; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) During 1986-87 ITDC proposes to complete the following ongoing projects:

(1) Expansion of the existing Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubanehwar by addition of 36 rooms with upgradation of facilities to 4-star standard.

(2) 44-room joint venture hotel propect at Puri being constructed in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation.

(b) 940 foreign tourists stayed in ITDC accommodation units in the state of Orissa during 1985-86 (Upto January, 1986).

(c) Various important tourist spots in Orissa have been publicised through brochures, pamphlets, directories, folders, maps, films, etc. to attract foregin tourists to the State of Orissa.